



WEED BOARD MEETING

**117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers
March 09, 2023 at 7:00 AM**

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration and Approval of Weed Board Minutes from January 12th, 2023

CITIZEN COMMENTS

BUSINESS/ACTION

WEED SUPERVISORS REPORT

2. Consideration and Approval of March Weed Supervisors Report

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURN

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Weed Board
Meeting Minutes
January 12th, 2023

1) Call To Order

Cade Lewis began the meeting of the San Juan County Weed Board at 7:17 am on January 12th 2023.

2) Roll Call

The following people were present: Dennis Gines, Charlie Tracy, Cade Lewis and Frank Smith

3) Approval of Agenda

Dennis Gines made a motion to approve the agenda. Charlie Tracy seconded the motion and the motion was approved by all board members.

4) Approval of Minutes

Charlie Tracy made a motion to approve the minutes. Dennis Gines seconded the motion and the motion was approved by all board members.

5) Citizens Comments

No Citizen comments were submitted or relayed to anyone present at the meeting.

6) Supervisor Report

Frank reported that we sprayed 13,390 gallons of Milestone, 5,970 gallons of Opensight, 19,360 gallons of glyphosate and 600 gallons of Tordon. Frank provided copies of the enforcement portions of Utah state code 4-17-1 and Utah administrative code R68-9 for review. He reported that he was developing an enforcement SOP that will be submitted to the board for input. He reported that he will seek funding for 3 different UDAF grants for the 2023-24 grant project period. Frank reported that the department received a new rugged pickup that he will convert into a 3rd spray rig.

7) Business/Action

Charlie Tracy was nominated and unanimously voted Chair of the 2023 Weed Board. Blake Peterson was nominated and unanimously voted Vice-Chair of the 2023 Weed Board

8) Next Meeting

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9) Adjourn

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Weed Department Report
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- UDAF grants were finally opened last week and must be submitted by the end of march. These grants, if awarded, will be for projects beginning in July of this year till the end of June 2024. Funding will be sent to the county in June. Currently I plan to seek \$130,000.00 in grants. I will continue the San Juan River project and the Spray Days project and add new elements to each of the projects.
- I mentioned last meeting that we have had the 20% reduction in funding for last year's San Juan River grant given back. We will receive an additional \$13,500 of funding for the 2022-23 grant project period which will be accounted for in this year's budget. This funding will largely go to herbicide purchases that we were not able to make last year due to the funding reduction.
- The Utah Weed Control Association (UWCA) annual meeting was last week in St. George. This meeting provided excellent training sessions, and introductions to new control methods, equipment and herbicides. One piece of equipment I plan to research further is a fully articulated joystick controlled arm boom which would be highly effective for roadside spraying.
- While doing research of weed agencies surrounding San Juan County I came across the published Navajo Nation Weed Management Plan. The BIA does have an active weed program and I plan to contact them and find out if there is any way they could help with the San Juan River project along the Southern shore of the San Juan River and on those portions of the river that are wholly contained on the reservation. With only one side of the riparian areas along the river being addressed for Camelthorn and Russian Knapweed we will never reach eradication. With their help and a more cooperative weed management plan we could strive for eradication.
- The county commission and Human resources are reviewing pay levels for seasonal employees and we will hopefully be able to offer a starting pay that will attract a seasonal employee. Not having 2 seasonal employees really affected the amount of time I was able to spend on enforcement and weed surveying in 2022.
- I will submit an enforcement SOP for the board to review at the April weed board meeting. This will allow us to show that we follow an approved procedure within the guidelines of the Utah weed act should we ever need to defend an appeal to the county commission or even district court.